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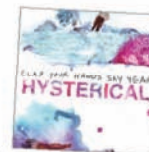
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DO

INDIE FLASHBACK

Lincoln Hall 2424 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-525-2508

Remember that cool band from 2005 with that really weird name? They're back with a new album. Catch Clap Your Hands Say Yeah performing songs from their new album, "Hysterical," at the Lincoln Park concert hall. 9 p.m. \$20.



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REDEYE TIP OF THE DAY

Keep your eyes peeled for Kanye West, in town with Jay-Z for the Watch the Throne tour. One known haunt: Chicago Cut Steakhouse.

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From news services

Almost 3 in 4 Americans with HIV don't have their infection under control with medications, raising their risk of poor health and spreading the AIDS virus, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

"By improving testing, linkage to care and treatment services, we can help people living with HIV feel better and live longer, and can reduce the spread of HIV dramatically," said Thomas Frieden, director of the CDC. The CDC's report, released ahead of World AIDS day on Thursday, focuses on increasing rates of HIV testing and treatment. Here's a look at the data.

20%

About 20 percent of those who have HIV haven't been tested and don't know they have the virus. It's possible to be infected for years without showing symptoms.

51%

Among those who are aware of their HIV infection, just 51 percent are getting medical care and treatment.

SPOTLIGHT**WORLD AIDS DAY**

1,200,000

Number of Americans who have HIV, according to the CDC. The virus, once a death sentence, can be reduced to low levels in the blood with use of a combination of anti-viral medicines. Those drugs also lower the risk of spreading HIV, the report said.

28%

Only 28 percent of those infected with HIV have the virus at low levels in their blood, which the CDC cites as "under control."

50%

While the number of Americans newly infected with HIV remained stable between 2006 and 2009, infections rose nearly 50 percent among young black gay and bisexual men, according to a CDC report released in August. Frieden, the CDC director, said studies have shown that this group does not engage in riskier behaviors than other gay men.

61%

Men who have sex with men—which includes openly gay and bisexual men and those who do not identify themselves as gay or bisexual—remain most heavily affected. While this group represents 2 percent of the overall U.S. population, it accounted for 61 percent of all new HIV infections in 2009.

96%

Recent studies have shown that suppressing the virus through treatment reduces the spread of HIV to partners by as much as 96 percent.

Leave the porn to the experts



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Raise your hand if you've been in this situation.

You're lounging at home in your robe, and the doorbell rings. It's the pizza you ordered. You open the door and your robe slips open to reveal your birthday suit underneath. The pizza delivery guy, who looks like Ryan Reynolds, smiles at you. You

toss the pizza aside and he ravages you right there on the dining room table.

If your hand is now raised, you are either a liar or a 1970s porn star. However, I bet most of you have imagined that situation—or at the very least hoped the delivery person would be hot.

Substitute a new TV for the pizza, and I had that exact fantasy recently. I mentioned to friends, half-jokingly, that I was hoping the delivery guys would be good-looking and sweaty and have to take off their shirts before they could finish the installation.

I imagined a scenario similar to the pizza story—only I wouldn't want anyone tossing aside my new TV like it's a cheesy pie—and with the delivery guys being Joe Manganiello and Henry Cavill look-alikes. Then instead of a dining room ravaging, just some shirtless—maybe pantsless—TV setup in slow-mo. "Hand me that HDMI cord. Yeah, that's the one. Plug it into my port."

I assumed I was the only creepy creeper out there who thought of this until my Face-

book friends started giving me advice like this: "Wear boxer shorts only and crank up the heat in the apartment" and "Make sure you tip them. And if they are hot, be sure to tip them twice!"

All this ridiculousness actually got me anticipating some sexy, buff delivery guys! I wondered if I should I wear something loose-fitting and provocative or drape myself in Saran Wrap (alas, all I had was tin foil). I even considered leaving out some gay porn DVDs to see how they would react.

As my delivery window (that's not a euphemism) neared, I was filled with anticipation. I had all but convinced myself these guys would be super hot and at the least I could sit back and ogle for a few minutes.

Finally, the doorbell buzzed. I ran to the window and flew like The Flash. I couldn't see the guys very well because some trees (that I since have had removed—take that Mother Nature!) obstructed my view. I let them in the building. They climbed the stairs. They rounded the corner. And. And. And!

Are you familiar with the piglike creatures that guard Jabba the Hutt's palace? Yeah, it was like that. Not only were they trollish in appearance, but they also gave off a distinct body odor that I assume is what the inside of Miss Piggy must smell like after a long hot day of puppeteering. The smell lingered in the apartment for several minutes after they left.

What a letdown.

On the plus side, after I aired out the apartment, I was able to watch some hot pizza delivery guy porn on my new 50-inch TV.

JASON STEELE IS A REDEYE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR.

TWEET INDEX

HOT RIGHT NOW

Death of a comedian

Celebs and fans were paying their respects to stand-up comic Patrice O'Neal, who died Tuesday. Here's what else was trending on Twitter in Chicago.



RIP Patrice
He was only 41



Conrad Murray
Maximum sentence



Christmas
Dear Santa Claus ...



American Airlines
Chapter 11



BIG TALKERS

f Mayor Emanuel turned 52 on Tuesday. We asked our readers on Facebook: What gift would you give him?

A T-shirt that says "it's my [bleepin'] bday!"
—**Maria LaMothe**

A bill for all the new fees I have to pay thanks to his budget. —**Mary Clinton**

A dead fish. —**Marc Speziale**

My parking tickets lol! —**La Lopez**

A swear jar. \$500 for every F-bomb. —**James Ess**



DEAR MOVEMBER,

You will be missed. In your memory, RedEye is collecting photos from Chicago bros with the best beards and mustaches on this, the last day of the 30-day facial fur-growing challenge. 'Stache rockers can tweet their photos to [@redeyechicago](https://twitter.com/redeyechicago) or post them on our Facebook wall at facebook.com/theredeye.

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“Hand me that HDMI cord. Yeah, that's the one. Plug it into my port.”

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Whoa, 20s?!



A Wal-Mart Express will open Wednesday in Lakeview at 3636 N. Broadway, according to Crain's Chicago Business.

Winter parking rules on the way

Chicago Tribune

Snow or no snow, Chicago's winter parking rules are about to take effect.

Overnight winter parking regulations kick in at 3 a.m. Thursday, with violators subject to fines and towing fees.

The city bans parking in certain areas to make snow removal easier when necessary and relieve traffic congestion after major snowfalls, a strategy implemented shortly after the 1979 blizzard's massive traffic snarls.

In addition to restrictions on overnight parking, motorists also face snowfall-based restrictions.

Parking is prohibited on about 107 miles of city roadways from 3-7 a.m. every day, regardless of whether there is snow on the ground. The ban runs Dec. 1-April 1.

Motorists face a \$150 minimum towing fee, a \$60 ticket and at least a \$10 per day storage fee that increases the longer the car is impounded.

DAILY QUOTABLE

“There’s nothing I would name that fully would grasp her contribution to making this city a richer and stronger city.”

—**Mayor Emanuel**, speaking Tuesday on how he is working with the Daley family to determine the best way to permanently acknowledge what the late Maggie Daley meant to Chicago. Renaming the Chicago Cultural Center is a possibility, the mayor said, but he hinted at other ideas.

The (real) Windy City

A cold front blew through Chicago with a vengeance Tuesday, hammering the area with 60 mph gusts and whipping up 20-foot waves on Lake Michigan. Officials shut down an 18-mile stretch of the bike path along the lakefront and issued a lakeshore flood advisory until 10 a.m. Wednesday for Lake and Cook counties. Despite the blustery conditions, forecasters said no rain or snow is expected in the city or suburbs.



Waves crash along the lakefront Tuesday north of McCormick Place. ZBIGNIEW BZDAK/TRIBUNE



The wind gives a woman—and her hair—a push Tuesday across Michigan Avenue. JOSÉ M. OSORIO/TRIBUNE

Gacy victim identified

Cook County Sheriff Tom Dart announced Tuesday that a previously unidentified victim of Chicago serial killer John Wayne Gacy has been identified through DNA. Dart said his office was able to match the remains of a body found in Gacy's crawlspace to William George Bundy, who was 19 when he disappeared in October 1976.

Power loss delays CTA

Loop elevated trains experienced delays Tuesday night after a train was stopped for a short time after losing power, according to the CTA. Equipment problems caused significant delays on the Brown, Green, Orange, Purple and Pink lines around 5 p.m., but started to clear up by about 5:15 p.m. after the train that had stopped was moved.

Comcast accused of discrimination

A federal lawsuit filed Monday in Chicago accuses Comcast Corp. of discriminating against the black employees of its South Side facility and its own customers by requiring workers to install defective or bug-infested equipment into residents' homes. Comcast denies the allegations.

Report: Man used makeshift flamethrower

A Chicago man is in custody after he used a makeshift flamethrower on a police officer responding to a domestic battery Tuesday morning in far northwest Woodstock, officials said. When police showed up at the woman's apartment the man met them at the door with an aerosol can and a lighter, officials said. **TRIBUNE**



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Comedian O'Neal dead at age 41

1 Comedian Patrice O'Neal (above) has died from complications of a stroke he suffered last month, his booking agent announced. O'Neal was 41.

"Many of us have lost a close and loved friend; all of us have lost a true comic genius," O'Neal's agent said in a statement. "His mother, who was also his best friend, was at his side."

O'Neal's death was due to complications from a stroke he suffered Oct. 19. According to People magazine, the stroke was related to diabetes.

Airline files bankruptcy

2 American Airlines parent AMR, one of the few major U.S. airlines to avoid bankruptcy, finally succumbed Tuesday and filed for Chapter 11 protection. AMR said all its subsidiaries will honor tickets and operate normal flight schedules during the bankruptcy process.

Cain weighing options

3 Republican presidential contender Herman Cain told aides Tuesday he would reassess the viability of his struggling campaign after an Atlanta woman accused him of conducting a 13-year extramarital affair. Cain led the GOP White House race little more than a month ago.

Killer ruled insane

4 Norwegian mass killer Anders Behring Breivik may avoid jail but end up in a psychiatric institution indefinitely after court-appointed experts concluded he is criminally insane, prosecutors said Tuesday.



Dr. Conrad Murray turns to the courtroom audience Tuesday in L.A. after he was sentenced to four years in the county jail for the involuntary manslaughter of Michael Jackson. GETTYIMAGES

Murray gets 4 years in jail

5 **LOS ANGELES** Dr. Conrad Murray was sentenced Tuesday to four years in Los Angeles County jail—the maximum sentence allowed under the law—in the death of Michael Jackson. He may serve no more than two, however.

Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Michael Pastor, in a statement delivered before sentencing Murray for involuntary manslaughter, said he felt a significant responsibility to determine the appropriate sentence, utilizing his "sense of fairness and decency."

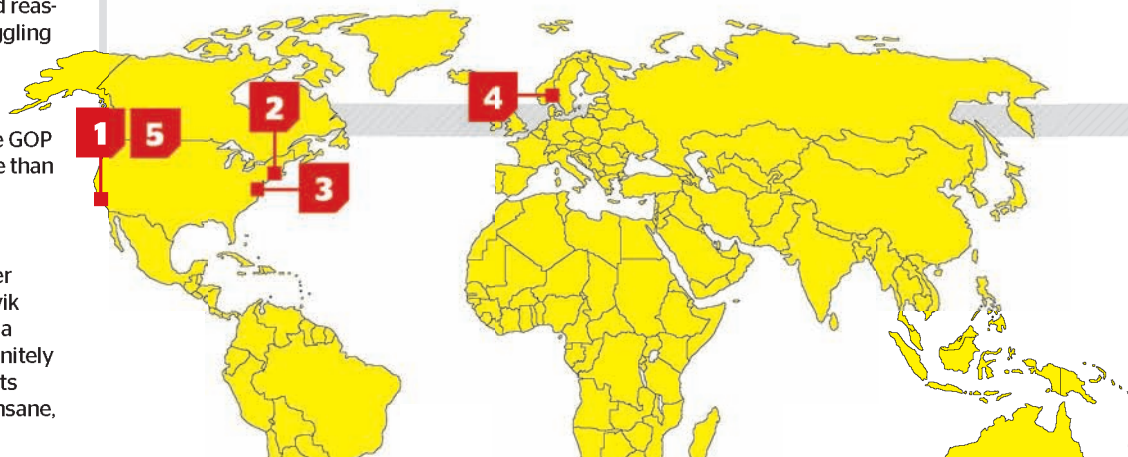
"There are those who feel Dr. Murray is a saint," Pastor said. "There are those who feel Dr. Murray is the devil. He's neither. He's a human being. He stands convicted of the death of another human being."

Automatic credit for good behavior lowers the actual time served to two years, which puts his projected release date in late 2013, Los Angeles County Sheriff's spokesman Steve Whitmore said.

New California prison policy allows for certain nonviolent offenders to be sent to county jail rather than the overcrowded state prison system.

Members of Jackson's family, who sat in court for Tuesday's sentencing, appeared pleased with the judge's decision to ignore defense plea for leniency.

A statement from the family, read in court by a lawyer, said they were "not here to seek revenge," but they wanted a sentence that "reminds physicians that they cannot sell their services to the highest bidder and cast aside their Hippocratic oath to do no harm."



THE DIGIT

\$1.25 billion

Cyber Monday online sales set a record, led by department stores and home goods retailers, according to U.S. data released Tuesday. Online sales reached \$1.25 billion on Monday, up 22 percent from the same day last year, said comScore Inc., a closely watched Web tracking firm.

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KNEE-JERK REACTION

Just like the rest of the world, when RedEye staffers hear the news, we have our opinions—serious or not-so-serious. Here is some of the reaction to the rumors that the Cubs could be interested in Albert Pujols or Prince Fielder.



BRIAN MOORE
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There's no way either of these guys ends up in a Cubs uniform, except in our dreams and on this page. It just doesn't fit the Cubs storyline.



PHIL THOMPSON
@illyphilly

Either one is a game-changer—which is good since the Cubs haven't been playing baseball for years now.



CHRIS SOSA
@sayitissosa

Somewhere Alfonso Soriano is saying, "Great, I can hide in either one of those shadows!"

ALBERT PUJOLS

Age: 31
No.: 5
Position: First base
Games: 1,705
At-bats: 6,312
Hits: 2,073
Average: .328
Doubles: 455
Triples: 15
Homers: 445
RBI: 1,329
Walks: 975
On-base percentage: .420
Slugging percentage: .617
On-base + slugging: 1.037

SOURCE: MLB.COM

DESPERATELY SEEKING SLUGGER

REPORTS SAY CUBS SWINGING FOR THE FENCES IN FREE AGENCY

RedEye

It certainly would be the most wonderful time of the year if the Cubs reeled in one of the two biggest baseball free agents available this off-season.

And if you believe the reports, that's exactly what new Cubs president Theo Epstein is trying to do.

Reports began racing across the Internet late Monday and early Tuesday that the Cubs had contacted Albert Pujols' agent and also were interested in Prince Fielder. The slugers play first base for St. Louis and Milwaukee, respectively.

On Tuesday, Cubs Chairman Tom Ricketts declined to comment directly on the reports. Instead, he deferred to Epstein.

"Like I've always said, there is one person responsible for making those decisions, and one person accountable for those results," he said. "So if [Epstein] believes strongly that's what's in the best interests of the team, then he's got my support."

He would have the support of Cubbie nation too. Cubs fans have been calling for the North Siders to make a move to sign one of the two for months.

The appetite for Pujols has been so insatiable, when the Cardinals slugger hugged then-Cubs general manager Jim Hendry before a game at Wrigley Field in May, fans—and the media—went into a speculative frenzy. Body-language experts were called in to analyze the pair's interaction and websites scrutinized footage of the encounter as if it were the Zapruder film.

There's likely no end to this drama for at least a few weeks, so prepare for the rumors to continue to run rampant.

Just like Cubs fans' hopes.

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THE STARTING LINE

► Bears waive special teams player Brian Iwuh after hamstring injury Sunday. ► Report: Bears offensive coordinator Mike Martz interested in Arizona State head coach job.

PRINCE FIELDER

Age: 27
No.: 28
Position: First base
Games: 998
At-bats: 3,527
Hits: 996
Average: .282
Doubles: 200
Triples: 9
Homers: 230
RBI: 656
Walks: 566
On-base percentage: .390
Slugging percentage: .540
On-base + slugging: .929
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Coach bags and QB hags



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It's the holiday season once again, and what kind of self-centered goon would I be if I didn't get you fine folks the gift of a rapid-fire touch-em-all column? (Note, after this year we'll have to change that phrase.)

» Firing time

and the lying's sleazy: From UCLA coach Rick Neuheisel getting canned a full week before the first Pac-12 championship game (and still coaching it) to the complete farce of the Urban Meyer saga, it's that time of year where college football teams eliminate their coaches and bring in a set of fresh faces. The whole process is confusing, but don't lie, it can be ridiculously entertaining. I mean, Rich Rod has a job again for chrissakes.

» The NFL QB landscape looks

more like scorched Earth: Quick, name the starting quarterback for the Cardinals. OK, now who's under center in Jacksonville? There's a visible top of the heap in the NFL when it comes to signal-callers, but after them, it's like there was a Black Friday sale on crappy QBs and a bunch of GMs stocked up. Sidebar: Is there anything more disturbing than a large group of sports media professionals saying "Suck for Luck" 30 times a day? Do you think the Jets were saying "Blow for Joe" back in the day? Get outta here.

» The ballad of St. Timmy: I'm going to shock some people here. Most of you would expect me to rail on Tim Tebow and you'd usually be right—I once referred to him as the patron saint of d-bags. I regret nothing—but I do think that no matter how much we talk about intangibles, the only stat that matters is wins. The Broncos keep pulling out ridiculous ones, so maybe we should all pipe down until Tebow and the rest of them start losing. That's the nicest thing I'm going to say, so let's leave it at that, yeah?

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HAIR-RAISER

Which of these five made the hair stand up on the back of your neck? Text "wed" followed by the number next to your choice to 87708.



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Caped White Sox crusader

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TEXT:5

1 What might happen if Kyle Orton starts against the Bears on Sunday?

Tebow will save him.

The crowd will go MILD! Also: Interceptions.

The neckbeard weeps. Hanie weeps. We all weep.

It will be a close shave, but the Bears will clip Captain Neckbeard.

The universe will swallow itself. That or a Bears win.

2 How do Movember mustaches help the Blackhawks play on the ice?

They'll edge the competition by a whisker.

They creep the crap out of their opponents? (Not John Scott though. He looks great! Don't kick my ass.)

Excess facial hair makes Kaner feel like a big boy, causes him to play big boy hockey.

It may get hairy but the mustache is simply a precursor to the playoff beard.

They help a lot but not as much as their Mulletcember haircuts will. Mark my words.

3 Imagine the phone conversation between Ndamukong Suh and Roger Goodell.

It would end in a slam.

"Only 2 games?" "Yeah, you made Detroit interesting for the first time since Barry Sanders retired."

A lot of Neanderthal-like grunting, and then whatever Suh sounds like.

Another player stomp and Ndamukong may get "Suh'd" by the NFL.

Pretty sure Suh the Cowardly Lion will let that one go to voice mail.

4 Rumors have the Cubs going after Prince Fielder. What do you make of that?

Really, any fielder will do.

As long as they call him the Big Wiggle, I'm fine with it.

I'm not used to the Cubs doing intelligent things. I feel funny.

Rumors also have Prince playing at Wrigley Field... in concert. Let's go crazy, Theo!

You're expecting a fat joke here, aren't you? In that case, you'll be disappointed my friend.

5 Why are so many coaches losing their jobs this week?

Owners don't want their Christmas presence.

Better question: Why did people buy stuff on Cyber Monday that they know they can't afford?

Post-Thanksgiving indigestion makes a lot of owners cranky.

It's the best way to avoid paying the Christmas bonus. Humbug I say.

Because their teams suck and/or they've been covering up sex scandals.

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Carcillo radio

**Listen up: Hawks winger's
'Bomb Shelter' debuts Friday**

RedEye

Dan Carcillo has been known to make waves on the ice as an NHL agitator. Soon, he'll be on the airwaves.

Carcillo, a Blackhawks winger, joins the WGN Radio lineup Friday with "The Bomb Shelter," a one-hour show focusing on the 26-year-old's love of all kinds of music, according to the station. It will feature song clips, musical history, personal anecdotes, special guests and more.

During Friday's premiere, Carcillo will interview his father, Gino, about the history of the Carcillo family emigrating from Italy to Canada, and play Italian music.

"I'm proud to be a member of the Blackhawks with the chance to broadcast a show on WGN Radio in the great city of Chicago," Carcillo said. "I've always been fascinated with songs and songwriters that tell a story and this will be an amazing outlet to tell my own story through music. When I first walked into the WGN Radio music vault and saw all that classic vinyl, I was like a kid in a candy shop."

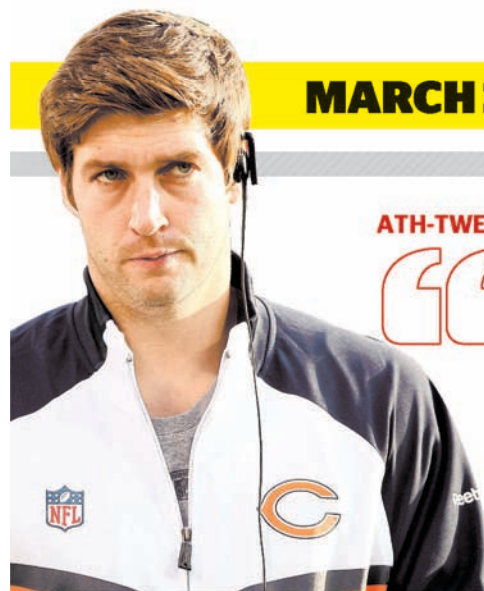
Future "Bomb Shelter" shows will feature Chicago's musical roots and history, blues, rock and even some of Carcillo's teammates.

We can't wait to hear Jonathan Toews talk about his love of the Black Eyed Peas.



Dan Carcillo

MARCH 24 That's the home opener for the Fire next season. See ya at Toyota Park.



ATH-TWEET OF THE DAY

“Less talking out of you and more rehab! Go find some ice or something.”

—Bears quarterback **Jay Cutler** (@JayCutler6) in response to @jaycutlerthumb, who tweeted “the cast is HUGE! btw how u doin?”

Meet the beauty and the Bear

Bears running back Matt Forte and Victoria's Secret Pink model Elsa are getting together. No, not like that. The two will be showing off the Pink NFL collection at the Victoria's Secret Pink store at Water Tower Place at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday. They'll take photos with the first 100 guys, er, fans who show up.

Diddy's son lands at UCLA

The college football world soon will know **Justin Combs** for more than being hip-hop mogul Sean "Diddy" Combs' son. Justin, a cornerback, committed to UCLA late Monday, according to **scout.com**. "As a parent, today is one of the proudest moments of my life," Sean said.



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FYI

Watch the Throne: Jay-Z and Kanye West

7:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, \$265.12
United Center, 1901 W. Madison St. 312-455-4650

SWAG TEAM

**MAKE NO
MISTAKE—
JAY AND
'YE ARE
ON TOP**

By **Kyle Kramer** | FOR REDEYE

If Jay-Z and Kanye West didn't think their collaboration was an event, they wouldn't have called it "Watch the Throne." In terms of modesty, these guys exist somewhere between "none" and "LeBron James."

Of course, public response certainly has matched the project's self-satisfaction. Bloggers breathlessly dissected early singles "H.A.M." and "Otis"; a freaking New York planetarium housed the record's listening party; and the album's stunningly un-leaked release brought music fans together, at least on Twitter, for a day of collective listening.

So it's expected that the megastar rappers' joint tour (which stops Wednesday and Thursday at the United Center) has been selling out arenas, drawing celebrity fans from Young Jeezy to Leonardo DiCaprio and generating enthusiastic reviews. These superstars have 15—wait, make that 16, counting the new record—No. 1 albums between them, and it feels like ages since Chicago-raised Kanye was playing venues the size of Metro.

The tour also is sparking interest from casual on-lookers baffled by the appeal of listening to two very wealthy, successful artists who make music about their wealth and success. "Watch the Throne" has drawn criticism for its depictions of luxury during an economic recession, but reviews of the album generally have been positive, and sales have exceeded

1 million copies. Its viral hit single, "[Friends] in Paris," currently is at the top of the Billboard R&B/Hip-Hop songs chart and at No. 17 on the Billboard Hot 100.

Jay-Z and Kanye are big enough stars to do what they want and get away with it—even if what they want happens to be performing "[Friends] in Paris" seven times, as they did in Detroit last weekend. They can perform on giant glowing cubes, as they do on this tour, and not seem delusional. They can run through a set of 40 songs, as they will do Wednesday and Thursday night, and still leave out certain hits.

So while early reviews of the show and strong material from the album promise something great at the United Center, there's no doubt that whatever happens will be, at the very least, majorly eventful.

KYLE KRAMER IS A REDEYE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR.



Kanye
and Jay-Z
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CASH MONEY MUSIC

Sure, floor tickets to see Mr. Carter and Mr. West at the United Center are a staggering \$265.12, but that's the price if you're looking to get a taste of the rap mogul lifestyle. After all, many of the goods mentioned in "Watch the Throne" lyrics have a pretty exorbitant price tag. Check it. **K.K.**

SONG N****S IN PARIS

"Audemars that's losing time/
hidden behind all
these big rocks"

A watch from Swiss luxury watchmaker **Audemars Piguet** can be yours for \$15,000, but a limited-edition version made for Jay-Z's 10th anniversary in music will run you more like \$30,000. Jay-Z's own Audemars, auctioned off for charity last year, would have cost you \$220,000.



SONG N****S IN PARIS

"What's
that jacket,
Margiela?"

If you want to look the part while you're rapping along with Kanye, it'll be \$2,090 to pick up a nice **Margiela leather bomber jacket** from the Belgian designer.





FACEOFF

EGO CHECK

Jay-Z and Kanye aren't the sort of guys who back down from a challenge. Which is why we didn't ask for their opinion when facing them off. **MATT PAIS, REDEYE**

ALBUMS

Jay-Z: You'd struggle to find a hip-hop fan who doesn't consider "The Blueprint" a classic. Several recent records, however, generated far less universal acclaim.

☒ **Kanye:** From his 2004 debut "The College Dropout" through last year's extraordinary "My Beautiful Dark Twisted Fantasy," many argue Kanye's made one great album after another.

FASHION

Jay-Z: His uber-successful Rocawear line covers seemingly every category for which you, your significant other or your little sister needs to shop—and it may or may not help you achieve the quintessential Jay-Z swagger whenever you Rocawear-it.

☐ **Kanye:** Sure, the Olsen twins turned up for the debut of his women's clothing line (DW, which Kanye obviously didn't realize could stand for "Don't Wear"), but reviews were scathing. He also, of course, has designed shoes for Louis Vuitton and Nike.

EARNING POWER

Jay-Z: He topped Forbes' 2011 list of Hip-Hop Cash Kings with earnings of \$37 million and a net worth of \$450 million.

☐ **Kanye:** West came in No. 3 on the same Forbes list with earnings of \$16 million in 2011.

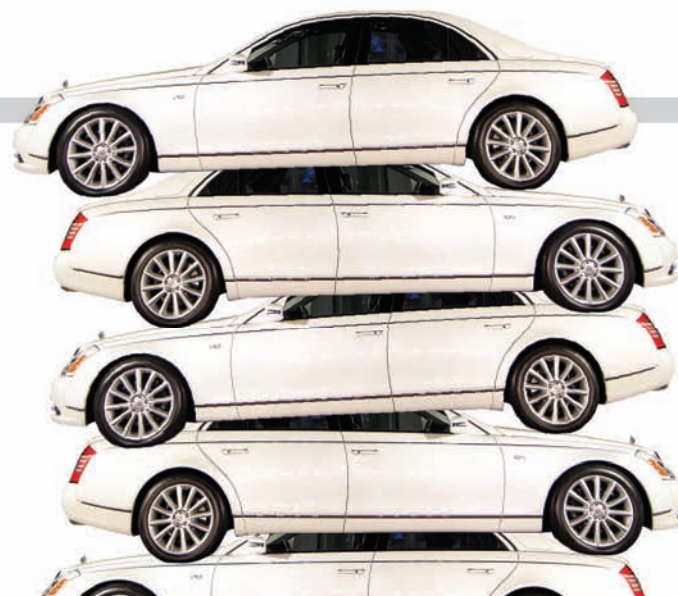
LADIES

Jay-Z: He has, as he's said, "the hottest chick in the game wearing my chain." Jay-Z already was a giant rap star, but marrying Beyonce helped him become a special brand of hip-hop royalty.

☐ **Kanye:** His most publicized relationship (outside of his engagement to designer Alexis Phifer) was with Amber Rose, currently dating/engaged/married to/whatever with Wiz Khalifa.

OVERALL WINNER

Jay-Z. Kanye's one of the planet's biggest rappers—and he'll be the first to say so—but he needs a few more years of uncomplicated success before he can truly stand beside his hip-hop teammate.



SONG ILLEST MOTHERF*****S ALIVE

"Basquiats, Warhols,
serving as my muses/
My house like a museum
so I see 'em when I'm peeing"

It's hard to imagine that Jay puts his best Basquiats in his bathroom; paintings from the 1980s artist were going for just over \$2 million at a Sotheby's auction earlier this month. Of course, for a real museum touch, something like the Andy Warhol self-portrait sold earlier this year for \$38.44 million would do nicely.

SONG GOTTA HAVE IT

"Maybachs
on bachs
on bachs
on bachs
on bachs"

One **Maybach** has a base price of \$450,000, but five of them stacked on top of each other, well ...

WEDNESDAY'S TOP SHOWS

Watch the Throne: Jay-Z and Kanye West

7:30 p.m. \$59.50-\$250. United Center, 1901 W. Madison St. 312-455-4650.

Watch them compete for who's more out of touch with the cash-strapped world.

Carmen Lamarque

8:30 p.m. \$5 suggested donation. Old Town School of Folk Music, 4544 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-728-6000.

Clap Your Hands Say Yeah

9 p.m. \$20. Lincoln Hall, 2424 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-525-2508.

Edie Carey

8 p.m. \$12-\$22. SPACE, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston. 847-492-8860.

Eleven Dollar Life, Brown Bag Special, The Day Lewis, Kevin Lee and the Kings

9 p.m. \$5. Double Door, 1572 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-489-3160.

Hank 3

9 p.m. \$21.50-\$25. House of Blues, 329 N. Dearborn St. 312-923-2000.



Lydia Loveless

9 p.m. \$10. Schubas, 3159 N. Southport Ave. 773-525-2508.

I love her Bloodshot debut, "Indestructible Machine."

ON SALE

* = Metromix recommended show



ON SALE NOW Young the Giant

Walk the Moon, Thursday, Feb. 23 (\$21, all ages) at Riviera Theatre.

ON SALE 10 A.M. WEDNESDAY

Anomalous Visage,
Classical Blast,
Piccolina, Monday,
Jan. 9 (\$7, 21+) at
Martyrs'.

Helping Phriently
Orchestra, Thursday,
Jan. 19 (\$10-\$12, 21+) at
Martyrs'.

Juno What!, Friday,
Feb. 10 (\$10, 21+) at
Martyrs'.

Roster McCabe,
Funktion, Thursday,
Feb. 23 (\$10, 21+) at
Martyrs'.

Veritae, Dogs of For-
tune, Thursday, Jan. 12
(\$7, 21+) at Martyrs'.

ON SALE 10 A.M. FRIDAY

* **B.B. King,** Thurs-
day, March 22, Friday,
March 23 (\$82.50-\$85,
21+) at House of Blues.

Cowboy Mouth, Fri-
day, Feb. 10 (\$25-\$28,
17+) at House of Blues.

* **Dr. Dog,** Saturday,
Feb. 18 (\$22-\$25, 18+) at
Vic Theatre.

Southside Johnny
and the Asbury
Jukes, Saturday,
March 3 (\$29.50-\$35,
17+) at House of Blues.

ON SALE NOON FRIDAY

The Asteroids
Galaxy Tour, Tuesday,
Feb. 7 (\$14, 18+) at
Lincoln Hall.

* **Todd Barry,**
Friday, Jan. 13 (\$20, 21+)
at Hideout.

* **Wyatt Cenac,**
Saturday, Jan. 14
(\$20, 21+) at Hideout.

The Dig, Communist
Daughter, Friday,
Jan. 20 (\$10-\$12, 18+)
at Schubas.

Drivin' and Cryin',
Friday, Feb. 17
(\$15-\$20, 21+) at
Schubas.

Jeffrey Foucault,
Friday, Feb. 24 (\$14-\$16,
21+) at Schubas.

Ingram Hill, Matt
Duke, Friday, Feb. 10
(\$18, 18+) at Schubas.

Kevin Hearn and
Thinbuckle, Tuesday,
Jan. 24 (\$10-\$12, 21+) at
Schubas.

Cass McCombs,
Frank Fairfield,
Sunday, Jan. 29 (\$15,
21+) at Lincoln Hall.

Cheyenne Marie
Mize, Wednesday,
Jan. 25 (\$10-\$12, 21+)
at Schubas.

Red Wanting Blue,
Tuesday, Feb. 7 (\$12-
\$15, 21+) at Schubas.

Whitehorse, Satur-
day, March 3 (\$8-\$10,
21+) at Schubas.

ON SALE 10 A.M. SATURDAY

Gaelic Storm, Friday,
March 16 (\$30, 18+) at
Riviera Theatre.

Kasabian, Monday,
April 2 (\$20, all ages) at
Vic Theatre.

Needtobreathe, Ben
Rector, Saturday,
March 31 (\$25, all ages)
at Riviera Theatre.

* **Punch Brothers,**
Thursday, March 1

(\$22-\$25, all ages) at
Park West.

ON SALE NOON SATURDAY

Barcelona, Sunday,
Jan. 29 (\$20, 21+) at
Double Door.

Die Antwoord,
Wednesday, Feb. 15
(\$22, all ages) at Metro.

The Lawrence Arms,
Holy Mess, Lord,
Saturday, Jan. 7 (\$21, all
ages) at Metro.

Tanner Ross, Slow
Hands, Nick Bassett,
Saturday, Jan. 28 (\$7-
\$15, 21+) at Smart Bar.

ON SALE 10 A.M. TUESDAY

* **Galactic, The Soul**
Rebels, Friday, March
2 (\$25, 18+) at Park
West.

ON SALE NOW
Earthen Grave,
Slaughter Xstroyes,
Rival, Friday, Jan. 20
(\$6-\$9, 18+) at Metro.

The Promise Ring,
Saturday, Feb. 25 (\$21,
18+) at Metro.

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How's the Moto duo after Richie's 'Top Chef' ouster?

EXIT INTERVIEW

By Lisa Arnett

REDEYE

Demi and Ashton. Kim and Kris. Celebrity breakups are hard, but nothing was harder to watch on last week's episode of "Top Chef: Texas" than the separation of Chris Jones and Richie Farina, the two fun-loving chefs from Homaro Cantu's wacky fine-dining restaurant Moto who cracked "Star Wars" references, sported short-sleeve work shirts instead of chef's whites and hoped to take first and second place on the show.

They goof around like brothers but have an obvious mutual respect and loyalty for each other. Sous chef Farina calls chef de cuisine Jones his mentor, while Jones says he's just

lucky to work with Farina. After a cook-all-night-and-then-cook-some-more challenge, Farina was sent home in a tearful goodbye that seemed too soon to both of them.

"He's going to go much farther than any other chef who's been on this show," Jones said. "Voltaggio brothers, Richard Blais, whoever you want to say that's ever been on 'Top Chef,' Richie's going to surpass the whole of them."

We talked to both chefs by phone about their quirky hair accessories, handshakes named after kiddie cereals and why, no matter how many times it's pitched in a meeting, you won't see a dish resembling lines of cocaine at Moto.



Chris Jones (left) and Richie Farina on 'Top Chef: Texas'

We've been saying it here at Moto for a long time ... Chicago is No. 1 ... and you're going to continue to see this trend within our city.

— **Chris Jones** explaining why he thinks six of 16 chefs on "Top Chef" are from Chicago

Before I started getting my arms done, I actually had my arm closed in an oven door once ... so now they're just there as extra protection for my investment.

— **Richie Farina** explaining that he wears armbands on the show to protect his tattoos

Surely there were moments the two of you had that didn't make it into the show so far. Anything you wish had?

CJ I know at one point ... during the chili cookoff and it was like 3 o'clock [in the morning], we've got another cook [at Moto], D'Andre, and we do a handshake called the Captain Crunch. It's basically three slaps on the hand and a salute. And we promised him that if we got on the show, we would do that for him. We tried ... but they didn't actually show it.

You both have worn some interesting accessories on the show.

CJ I worked in a lot of very hard kitchens ... I had a very angry streak to me when I first started at Moto. Moto's a very calm restaurant. We don't yell, we don't scream, we don't fight, we don't kick. And I did all of those things, so what I started doing is ... wearing some sunglasses on my head. ... It made me feel like I was back on a beach. I grew up in Fort Lauderdale ... so when I put those sunglasses on, it calms me down.

RF That's what we wear every day. It wasn't just stuff for the TV show. Wearing the bandanna, that's to keep hair out of the food, and I wear the armbands to protect my tattoos. Before I started getting my arms done, I actually had my arm closed in an oven door once ... so now they're just there as extra protection for my investment.

Six out of 16 chefs on the show are from Chicago, which is unheard of. What do you make of that?

CJ It really just shows where Chicago is. We've been saying it here at Moto for a long time and I'm sure ... Alinea, Next, L2O [or] any new up-and-coming restaurants are saying, Chicago is No. 1 ... and you're going to continue to see this trend within our city.

RF A lot of people look to the coasts for the best restaurants, but ... I have realized that we might not have the quantity that New York and other places have, but we definitely have the quality.

Moto is known for dishes that look like something other than food, such as roadkill or a Cuban cigar. Is it possible to go too far?

RF I think so. We've done stuff, joking in the kitchen, where we've taken a dark chocolate mousse and folded freeze-dried corn into it and piped it out to look like a dog turd. Even though you know it's chocolate ... no one wants to eat a piece of crap. So we wouldn't do that, but other than that, there's really no rules here. Except for obviously, paraphernalia and things that we wouldn't wanna replicate, powders or other things ... have been thrown out there at a meeting, but we kibosh those ideas.

CJ Are you referencing drug mentions to our powders and what not?

RF It's been thrown out there in a meeting.

CJ OK ...

RF She's asking! Ideas have been thrown out there, but those are things we would never do, just because they wouldn't be accepted among the public.

CJ They do get thrown out every year.

RF They *do* get thrown out every year, and they're like, "Nope, someone thought of that five years ago and we're not going to do it." Obviously, we like to push the boundaries ... we replicate something to look like it got smashed by a 18-wheeler on a plate ... [or] we serve something in an ashtray that looks like someone's been smoking on it for the last four hours, but it still tastes good. Those are things that push boundaries but they're not considered illegal.

Richie, what are you looking forward to about watching the rest of the season?

RF I'm going to watch it as an audience member now. ... I'll still be obviously pulling for Chris and pushing everyone to vote for us in fan favorite [on bravotv.com]. And there's no reason that we should be like a million votes behind Chris Crary ... who is a beautiful man, and he's a very cool guy, but ...

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Katie Finneran (from left), Aisha Dee, Kristi Lauren and Jaime Pressly star in the Fox sitcom "I Hate My Teenage Daughter."

Teenage nightmare



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Apparently the programmers at Fox think American viewers are still buzzing in a tryptophan-fueled, post-Thanksgiving feast euphoria. What other reason do they have to subject us to "I Hate My Teenage Daughter" so late in the fall TV season? Oh yeah, because they wanted to bury this turkey for as long as possible.

Jaime Pressly and Katie Finneran are wasted as single moms and besties who each are raising a 14-year-old daughter, who also are best friends. Annie (Pressly) and Nikki (Finneran), who were unpopular in high school, have given their daughters the world to make them confident (and popular). They've also made them spoiled brats.

Annie, we're told over and over again, was raised in an overly religious household where she "lived in military lockdown and dressed like a character from 'Little House on the Prairie.'" She tries to put limits on daughter



I Hate My Teenage Daughter

8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Fox

Sophie (Kristi Lauren) but usually gives in at the first sign of protest.

Nikki was overweight and suffered from alopecia as a teen. Still insecure, she wants to be pals with mean girl Mackenzie (Aisha Dee), so she lets her daughter get away with anything.

Annie and Nikki are the only characters given any definitive personalities, which are infuriating because their desperation to please their daughters has made them both pathetic wimps.

The show's creators have the germ of a good idea here. A decent writer could mine plenty of jokes out of the relationships between bratty teens and their indulgent parents. (See "Modern Family," "The Middle," "Suburgatory" and those annoying MTV reality shows.)

Unfortunately, the writers of "I Hate My Teenage Daughter" trot out retread jokes about skimpy clothes, Facebook and cell-phones. And I'm sorry, an overly active laugh track is not going to make these lines any funnier.

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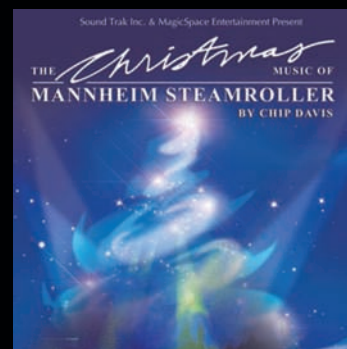
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Old stars in new TV

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You know the stars of TV Land's new sitcom, "The Exes," from their past hits, including "Seinfeld," "Scrubs," "Third Rock from the Sun" and "The Starter Wife."

Keep those happy memories in mind if you tune in Wednesday. "The Exes" is infinitely more entertaining than Fran Drescher's mediocre "Happily Divorced," but like that TV Land show it pales in comparison to the network's "Hot in Cleveland."

"Cleveland," by the way, returns Wednesday to unhook us from last season's cliff-hanger in which Elka (Betty White) was about to marry Fred (Buck Henry) when her ex-boyfriend, Max (Carl Reiner), and Elka's supposedly dead husband, Bobby (Don Rickles), busted up the party. But back to divorce...

On "The Exes," Kristen Johnston stars as divorce attorney Holly Brooks, who plays den mother to three male clients living in an apartment she owns.



The Exes
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Hot in Cleveland
9 p.m.
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Ladies' man Phil (Donald Faison) is moving on from his marriage while Haskell (Wayne Knight) spends his days posting faked images of himself in exotic locales on Facebook to make his ex-wife think he's happy.

The jokes on "The Exes" are hit or miss. But when the writing on "Cleveland" isn't up to par, it comes off better than it should because of the four actresses—White, Valerie Bertinelli, Wendie Malick and Jane Leeves—delivering the dialogue.

Johnston, Faison, Knight and Basche have their moments, but more often than not they hammer the jokes home, mugging insufferably as they do so.

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By Julia Borcherts

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Tradition's a good thing—just the mention of “Home Alone,” Ebenezer Scrooge, Ralphie’s BB gun or even a saccharine-y variety show can conjure happy memories of holidays past. But sometimes it’s good to change things up a bit—and we’re not just talking about the year your great-aunt Marge added marshmallows to her sweet potato casserole. These holiday-themed stage shows do just that.

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The Octavarius ‘Die Hard’ Holiday Spectaculars

Chestnuts and open fires, brandy and eggnog—the holidays are all about pairings. Comedy troupe Octavarius ups the ante with three humorous, holiday-themed improv mash-ups inspired by the “Die Hard” flicks, each matched with a traditional Christmas film: “How Hans Gruber Stole Christmas: A Die Hard Holiday Spectacular” (Sunday); “Die Hard 2: A Die Hard Carol” (Dec. 11); and “Die Home with Alone-ness” (Dec. 18).

Go: 7 p.m. Sundays through Dec. 18 at ComedySportz, 929 W. Belmont Ave.

Tickets: \$10, \$7 with canned good donation; 773-549-8080; octavarius.com

A Christmas Carol: The Silent Bah-Humbug

Silent Theatre Company highlights the ghost story angle of Charles Dickens’ classic tale of Ebenezer Scrooge and his three spectral Christmas Eve visitors in this original “no spoken words” production. Using various artistic forms including Cantastoria (combining sung stories with images), Grand Guignol (French horror), Art Nouveau and German Expressionism, the company hopes to raise chills without raising any voices.

Go: Through Dec. 30 at St. Paul Cultural Center, 2215 W. North Ave.

Tickets: \$15-\$25; 773-544-1749; silenttheatre.com



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Add some sizzle to your season at this risqué (but no-reveal) holiday-themed, musical sketch comedy show, where the five ribald, scantily costumed ladies of the Off-Off Broadway burlesque parody troupe sling R-rated jokes and belt out off-color carols with racy abandon.

Go: 8 p.m. Thursday through Dec. 29 at Stage 773, 1225 W. Belmont Ave.

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If the holiday season conjures visions of something other than sugarplums—namely, visions of awful leg-shaped lamps, double-dog dares to lick frozen lampposts and shooting your eye out with a BB gun—head to the historic Chicago Theatre for this high-end musical stage adaptation of the popular holiday film, produced by Peter Billingsley, who starred as Ralphie in the film.

Go: Dec. 14-30 at The Chicago Theatre, 175 N. State St.

Tickets: \$35-\$125; 312-462-6300; thechicagotheatre.com

Silent Night of the Living Dead

In a new twist on Christmas dinner, a family attempts to avoid becoming just that when a zombie apocalypse occurs during the holidays. This parody of the classic George Romero horror film “Night of the Living Dead” is brought to life—so to speak—by New Millennium Theatre Company.

Go: 10 p.m. Friday, 11 p.m. Saturday; 5 p.m. Sunday through Dec. 30 at Theater Wit, 1229 W. Belmont Ave.

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Burning Bluebeard

Nothing says happy holidays like ... a serial killer and clowns? In this darkly comedic tale by The Neo-Futurists inspired by true events, a group of clown performers attempts to deal with guilt over the possibility it may have caused the 1903 fire at Chicago’s Iroquois Theater, which killed 600 people, by re-creating the fateful performance: a kids’ holiday pantomime called “Mr. Bluebeard” about the infamous wife-killing king.

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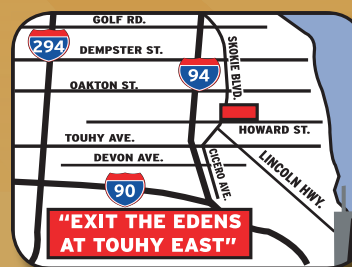
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Yes, but let me clarify what I mean by "expect." Anybody who goes into a bar and throws around cash with the expectation that the bartender has never seen paper money before and will therefore give said customer a free drink is a moron. But, you know, if you've been going to a place for a while and the bartender knows you and he wants to toss you a free PBR every once in a blue moon to show you he appreciates your business, why not? It's no different from a casino comping your drink. It's America. Bartenders are free to do what they want!

I'm about three drinks deep. The last thing I need from a bartender—who is presumably male and hot, right?—is extra attention and a free cocktail. I wouldn't blame him for throwing out a few freebies in hopes of scoring a larger tip at the end of the night or to get my group to come back, but it's best to go into a night of drinking with very few expectations—at all. A buyback is a nice surprise, but never a requirement.

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Should you cut back?

Tribune Newspapers

Most of us can see the health benefits of cutting back on alcohol consumption, especially for those who drink too much.

Go from 10 beers a day to five, or six glasses of wine to three, and there would be positive changes.

But what about the person who is a moderate drinker? As defined by the USDA dietary guidelines (cnpp.usda.gov/dietaryguidelines.htm), that's two drinks a day for a man, one drink a day for a woman. (One drink is defined as 12 ounces of regular beer, 5 ounces of wine, or 1 1/2 ounces of 80 proof spirits.) Would scaling back on moderate drinking be a good first step to better health?

"I think no one has studied alcohol reduction that carefully," said Eric Rimm, an associate professor of epidemiology and nutrition at the Harvard School of Public Health and an associate professor of medicine at the Channing Laboratory, Brigham and Women's Hospital and Harvard Medical School. "I think if you're cutting back you won't see much difference. You likely won't see a change in weight."

Over the course of a year or two, there may be a 2- to 4-pound weight loss, he said. Lower consumption could alter a person's metabolism and eating habits, so those could

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Here's the calorie content of some common drinks. By comparison, a McDonald's Big Mac contains 540 calories.

- » 6 oz. rum and Diet Coke: 65 calories
- » 5 oz. wine (red or white): 120 calories
- » 12 oz. light beer: 100-145 calories
- » 12 oz. beer: 150-200 calories
- » 8 oz. champagne: 170-180 calories
- » 10 oz. margarita: 550 calories

(Calorie counts in mixed drinks may vary slightly, depending on proportions of ingredients used)

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"If you're looking at it from both nutritional and physiological aspects of alcohol, from the weight side, there are 7 calories per gram [of alcohol]," said Robert Brewer, head of the alcohol program at the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta. "A typical standard drink has about 14 grams in it, so it works out to 98 calories or so. Some drinks are more because of products in the drink. A typical beer might be around 140 calories, which would be similar to a 12-ounce can of soda. So there are calories involved, and there is no nutritional value."

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What should a real man smell like?

Fragrance lines try to distill the essence of masculinity in a bottle

Los Angeles Times

This is not an inquiry to be undertaken lightly—particularly at this time of the year when the gantlet of parties, events and mixers that stretches from Thanksgiving into the new year is destined to put the fragrance profiles of near strangers beneath our noses.

It's a timely question for other reasons. According to the NPD Group, a market research firm, one-quarter of all annual sales in the prestige fragrance category take place the two weeks before Christmas.

And consider that the men's side of that fragrance business is growing faster than the women's (12 percent compared with 9 percent, according to an NPD report on sales from January to October 2011).

What do all of the top fragrances have in common? They all have scent profiles grounded in a combination of wood (including but not limited to forests full of cedar, sandal-

wood, juniper, oak moss and musk wood) and spice (practically an entire rack full of Szechwan pepper, ginger, bergamot, coriander and pink peppercorns).

Pull the common elements from those bestsellers, says Mark David Boberick, managing editor for the online fragrance publication the Perfume Magazine and a guy can start to get a whiff of what America's everyman most likely smells like. "Nowadays, it's all about the aquatics mixed with the woods," Boberick said. "Scents like Bulgari

Acqua are a good example. It's aquatic but has a woody base. And Bleu de Chanel is the same way."

Another way to answer the question of what a man should smell like—at least when the goal is attracting a mate—is to determine what smells cause the greatest increase in sexual arousal.

Which is exactly what Dr. Alan R. Hirsch and his colleagues at the Chicago-based Smell & Taste Treatment and Research Foundation endeavored to do back in the mid-1990s. Ac-

cording to their widely reported findings, the odor that resulted in the highest level of arousal among females was the combination of Good & Plenty candy and cucumber. (Men, they found, responded best to a combination of lavender and pumpkin pie.)

Hirsch's rule of thumb? "if a guy is putting on the amount [of fragrance] he thinks he should be putting on, it's probably too much."

In other words, no matter what a man should smell like, he shouldn't smell like it too much.

TOP 5 MEN'S COLOGNES

NPD says that during the first 10 months of this year, the five bestselling men's fragrances were:



» Giorgio Armani's Acqua di Gio Pour Homme



» Chanel's Bleu de Chanel



» Dolce & Gabbana's Light Blue Pour Homme



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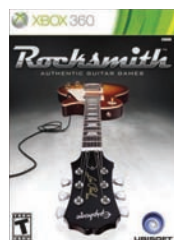


Ultimate Marvel vs. Capcom 3

Xbox 360, PS3

Capcom labeled this edition of the epic crossover between Marvel Comics heroes and Capcom game characters as

"Ultimate" because it adds a dozen new characters to the roster, a couple of brand-new modes and a host of game-play and character tweaks. It's a blast to play, but still is basically the same outrageously manic fighting game, so it's only recommended if you're a hard-core fan or never got a chance to dive into the original game.



Rocksmith

Xbox 360, PS3, PC

Let's be honest—playing "Rock Band" makes you a real guitar player about as much as putting on tight red and blue pajamas turns you into

Spider-Man. "Rocksmith," on the other hand, is basically a virtual guitar teacher, allowing you to use any guitar with a pickup to do it. It's definitely not a party game and the song list could be more robust, but if you're a novice truly interested in learning to play an instrument, "Rocksmith" is a worthy purchase.



Rayman Origins

Xbox 360, PS3, Wii

If ever a video game mascot could qualify for indie-underground status, it's Rayman—a goofy-looking character who never quite achieved the rock star success of Mario or Sonic the Hedgehog. But as far as cutesy, run-and-jump games go, "Rayman Origins" stands as a minor masterpiece. The rich, hand-drawn style never fails to delight, and there's a whimsical and clever sense of humor at play throughout. RYAN SMITH IS A REDEYE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR.



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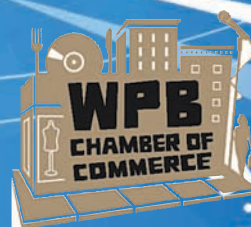
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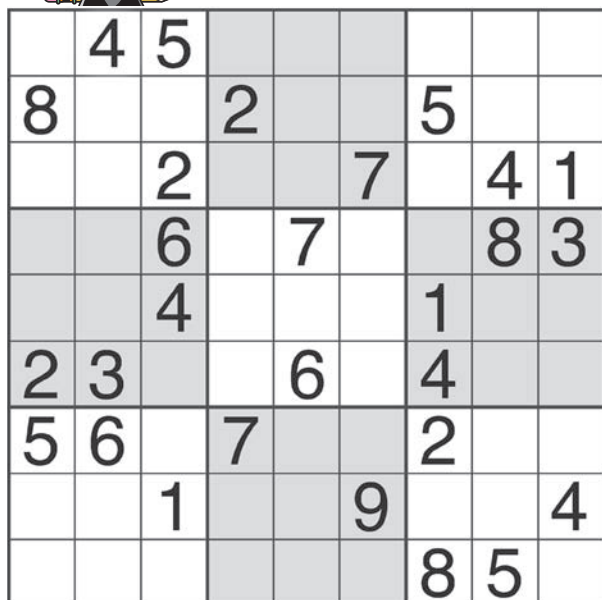
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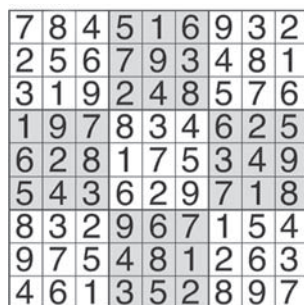
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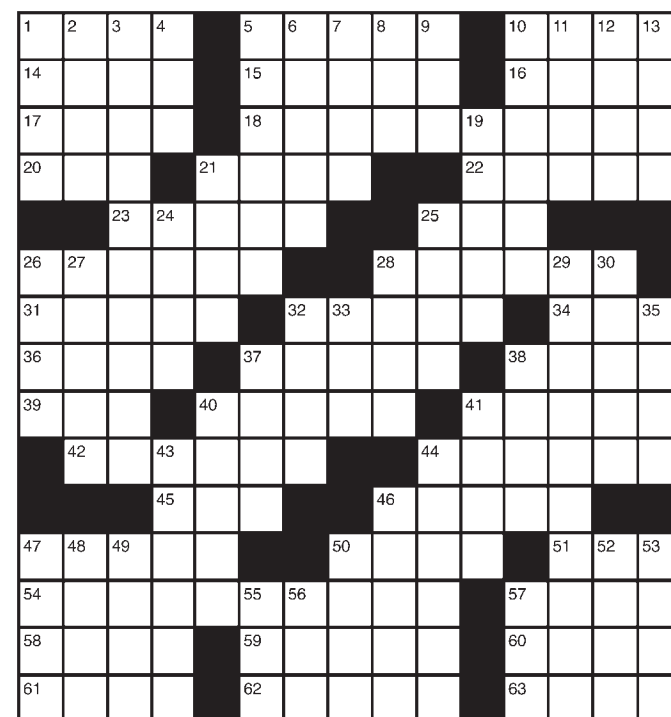


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- 5 Carnival attractions
- 10 Shapeless mass
- 14 Early Peruvian tribal member
- 15 Overdramatize
- 16 Currency in many nations
- 17 Word to a pest
- 18 Wearing glasses
- 20 Lugar or Leahy: abbr.
- 21 Feels sick
- 22 ...walsy; very friendly
- 23 Collie or chow, to a little child
- 25 Pork product
- 26 Place of utmost happiness
- 28 Large soup container
- 31 Wheel rods
- 32 Ste. Marie
- 34 Hair covering
- 36 Roaring beast
- 37 Slither away in shame or fear
- 38 German wife
- 39 Common viral ailment
- 40 Pack animal
- 41 Get educated
- 42 Respect highly
- 44 Autopsy subject
- 45 Hee-; bray
- 46 To the ...; apt
- 47 Diver's danger
- 50 Actor Penn
- 51 Ms. Thurman
- 54 Leader; pioneer
- 57 Bric-a-
- 58 Tavern drinks
- 59 Malicious looks
- 60 Siesta
- 61 Have a snack
- 62 Backslide
- 63 Inquires

DOWN

- 1 Title for a young lady
- 2 A single time
- 3 Morally shocking
- 4 Tit for
- 5 Quit, as a job
- 6 Suggest



- 7 away with; abolishes
- 8 And so forth: abbr.
- 9 "Ready, go!"
- 10 Developed into
- 11 Slow period
- 12 Gold and silver
- 13 "Over my dead _!"
- 19 Not together
- 21 Grows old
- 24 Microwave, e.g.
- 25 Wrestler Hogan
- 26 Two quarters

- 27 Banish
- 28 Canned fish
- 29 Fills with joy
- 30 Approaches
- 32 Close noisily
- 33 Goal
- 35 Melody
- 37 Murdered
- 38 Plant with fronds
- 40 out; oozes
- 41 Cut of pork
- 43 Separate grain

- from straw
- 44 Not smooth
- 46 Social equals
- 47 Reach across
- 48 Ring of light
- 49 Top cards
- 50 Ladder rung
- 52 Facial disguise
- 53 Performs
- 55 Building wing
- 56 Actress Leoni
- 57 Two-cup item

TODAY IN THE YEAR ...

1782: The U.S. and Britain signed preliminary peace articles in Paris, ending the Revolutionary War.
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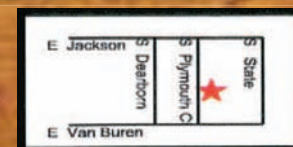
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The race is on

As Oscar season begins, which horse are you betting on?

By Dana Moran | REDEYE

We've got a whole month to go until the end of 2011, but this year's Oscar contenders already are out of the gate. The Independent Spirit Awards nominations were announced Tuesday, and the New York Film Critics Circle and Gotham Awards named their honorees this week as well. We took a look at the winners (and not so much winners) to see who's ahead in this horse race—carrots and oats not included. DAMORAN@TRIBUNE.COM | @REDEYEDANA

Hot out of the gate

"The Artist," a sure-to-be-underseen black-and-white flick that's ALSO a silent movie. It picked up five Independent Spirit noms and two Film Critics awards. So maybe give it a chance? Brad Pitt's also looking pretty sassy these days, with a split Film Critics win for "Moneyball" and "The Tree of Life," both of which we'd like to honor for getting him to shave that briar patch off his face.

Don't count out

Felicity Jones (left). The "Like Crazy" star scored a Gotham win for breakthrough actor in the relationship flick that you prooooobably shouldn't see if you've ever been in love or recently gone through a breakup. And by recently, we mean in the past nine years or so. Maybe give it 15 for good measure.

Close on the trail

"The Descendants," "Martha Marcy May Marlene" and "Drive," all of which picked up four Independent Spirit noms. We're especially pulling for Elizabeth Olsen's (right) awesome cult-escapee turn in "MMMM," even if typing it like that really just makes us want to listen to Hanson. Wait, did we just admit that?

Pulling up lame

"War Horse" (right). And no, we are not doing this ironically. The latest Steven Spielberg epic picked up nary an honor from any of the three awards groups, but we're gonna go ahead and guess it's a little too mainstream for their snooty tastes.

Dark horse

"50/50." The funny cancer flick pulled out a surprise Independent Spirit nom for best feature and best first screenplay for writer Will Reiser. We'll vote for anything involving Joseph Gordon-Levitt (left), even if he is shaving off his lovely locks.



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That's how much the dress worn by Amy Winehouse on her "Back to Black" album cover sold for at a London auction Tuesday, cbs.com reports. The Fundacion Museo de la Moda in Chile had the winning bid.



La vida 'Glee'

Will Schuester might have to step down as the hottest Spanish teacher at McKinley High. TVLine reports Ricky Martin (above) is prepping to guest-star on "Glee" in late January, which we can only assume would pit him against everyone's favorite choir director. Santana is going to get hot and bothered over this one. REUTERSFILEPHOTO

Mahna mahna whata?

If you've ever had The Muppets' "Mahna Mahna" on repeat in your brain, you might have a dirty mind. The puppet tune, which has had several renditions since its debut on "Sesame Street" in 1969, got its start in a 1968 soft-core Italian porn, according to slate.com. Wait'll Miss Piggy hears about this ...

Baby, baby, baby

According to Bing, the Internet has Bieber fever (shocking, right?). The teen singer is the search engine's most-searched celebrity of 2011. Here are the Top 5.



1. Justin Bieber (Up from No. 6 last year)



2. Kim Kardashian (down from No. 1)



3. Jennifer Aniston (up from No. 9)



4. Lindsay Lohan



5. Megan Fox



Jemaine Clement (left) and Bret McKenzie of "Flight of the Conchords"

TAKING 'FLIGHT'

Could a "Flight of the Conchords" flick get off the ground? "We're going to try and do a movie," series star Bret McKenzie (right) recently said, according to thr.com. "We just need a story." It's a small detail, but McKenzie has time to work out the plot while on the set of "The Hobbit." He has a small role as elf Lindir.

HOT DATE



JAN. 5

That's when "Project Runway All Stars," featuring past "Project Runway" contestants, judges Isaac Mizrahi (from left), Georgina Chapman and host Angela Lindvall premieres on Lifetime, ew.com reports.

“I think that what intimidates them is not my purse; it's my mind.”

—Lady Gaga (below), to Vanity Fair, on her relationships REUTERSPHOTO

